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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An interlabial pad, comprising:

an absorbent body ~~in capable of~~ for absorbing body liquid~~fluid~~, said absorbent body being enclosed in the interlabial pad; ~~said interlabial pad having a size adapted to be pinched capable of pinching thereof between the labia of a wearer naturally, and having~~ a shape including a longitudinal axis direction and a lateral axis direction,

wherein a pair of fingertip insert openings having a size such that ~~for inserting the~~ fingertips of a wearer are inserted naturally are provided in said interlabial pad, and said pair of fingertip insert openings are provided ~~at a line symmetry position~~ symmetrically on both opposite sides of said interlabial pad ~~with and about~~ a center axis being coinciding with said longitudinal axis direction, whereby in using the pad, each fingertip of two fingers of the wearer is inserted into said pair of fingertip insert openings respectively, and the interlabial pad is subject to use in a condition of being adapted to be folded at the center axis which is a symmetric axis of said line symmetry.

Claim 2 (original): An interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein a size of the width of the fingertip insert opening is not less than 20mm.

Claim 3 (previously presented): An interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein a size of the depth of said fingertip insert opening is not less than 15mm.

Claim 4 (previously presented): An interlabial pad according to claim 1, further comprising a sheet body being attached to an opposite side of said interlabial pad to a body side, said sheet body is attached to have a pair of unbonded portions on left and right side edge portions in respect of said

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longitudinal direction of said interlabial pad, and said pair of fingertip insert openings are formed by said pair of disconnect portions.

Claim 5 (original): An interlabial pad according to claim 4, wherein said sheet body has a size not less than 80% in respect of a length size of the lateral direction of the interlabial pad.

Claim 6 (original): An interlabial pad according to claim 4, wherein said sheet body has color, chromaticity and pattern different from those of the opposite side of the interlabial pad to the body side.

Claim 7 (previously presented): An interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the interlabial pad or the absorbent body enclosed in the interlabial pad comprises a folding guide element along said symmetric axis.

Claim 8 (original): An interlabial pad according to claim 7, wherein said folding guide element is comprised of any of a broken line, a cut line, and a compression line.

Claim 9 (previously presented): An interlabial pad according to claim 1, further comprising a long protruding area along said symmetric axis, in using the pad, each fingertip of two fingers of the wearer is respectively inserted into said pair of fingertip insert openings, thereafter the pad is folded at said symmetric axis to be subject to use in a condition that said long protruding area is further projected.

Claim 10 (original): An interlabial pad according to claim 9, wherein said long protruding area is formed by bending said symmetric axis.

Claim 11 (previously presented): An interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein said interlabial pad is used together with a sanitary napkin.

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Claim 12 (previously presented): An interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein said interlabial pad is an interlabial pad for incontinence of urine.

Claim 13 (previously presented): An interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein said interlabial pad is an interlabial pad for absorbing vaginal discharge.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A wrapping body comprising:
an interlabial pad according to claim 1; and
a wrapping container to contain said interlabial pad,
wherein the interlabial pad is contained such that said pair of fingertip insert openings are positioned at the neighborhood of an unseal portion of said wrapping container.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A wrapping body, comprising:
the interlabial pad according to claim 1 and
a wrapping container to contain said interlabial pad,
wherein said interlabial pad is folded in a mountain folded shape toward a body side along said symmetric axis and is contained in said wrapping container.

Claim 16 (previously presented): A wrapping body comprising:
an interlabial pad according to claim 2; and
a wrapping container to contain said interlabial pad,
wherein the interlabial pad is contained such that said pair of fingertip insert openings are positioned at the neighborhood of an unseal portion of said wrapping container.

Claim 17 (new): An interlabial pad comprising:
an absorbent body for absorbing body fluids;
a surface side sheet and a rear surface side sheet enclosing said absorbent body; and
a sheet body provided on said rear surface side sheet,

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wherein a pair of fingertips insert openings for inserting the fingertips of a wearer are provided symmetrically about a longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad, and said sheet body is attached to have a pair of opened portions disposed symmetrically about said longitudinal direction so that said pair of fingertip insert openings coincide with said pair of opened portions.

Claim 18 (new): An interlabial pad according to claim 17, wherein wherein said interlabial pad or said absorbent body comprises a folding guide element for folding along the longitudinal axis.